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**HUSBAND AND WIFE ARRESTED ON FEDERAL DRUG  
CONSPIRACY AND MONEY LAUNDERING CHARGES**

**Columbia, South Carolina**— United States Attorney William N. Nettles stated today that John Cannon and Kasondra Cannon, husband and wife, were arrested this morning in Lithonia, Georgia, by agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration. Warrants were issued for their arrests after a federal grand jury returned an indictment charging the Cannons with conspiring to possess with the intent to distribute 5 kilograms or more of cocaine, conspiring to launder money, and using a telephone to facilitate the commission of a felony drug offense. In conjunction with their arrests, federal agents and Georgia law enforcement officers executed search warrants at multiple residences owned by the Cannons in Georgia. Specifically,

agents seized multiple vehicles and real estate properties the Cannons had purchased with drug proceeds as well as approximately \$365,000 in U.S. Currency the Cannons had hidden at one location. The Indictment alleges that John Cannon distributed millions of dollars in cocaine in the Upstate of South Carolina beginning in 2001 and continuing thereafter. The Indictment also alleges that after obtaining this money, John Cannon, working with his wife, Kasondra, would attempt to legitimize these drug proceeds by depositing them into bank accounts, by purchasing and improving real estate, and by purchasing vehicles and other items.

Although multiple agencies have participated in this investigation, DEA Special Agent Jay Rajae, and Task Force Officers Trey Skardon and John Garrett headed the investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Andy Moorman will prosecute the case.

All charges in this Indictment are merely accusations and the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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